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A² wherein a change in the amount of IgE as compared to the amount produced in the absence of said candidate agent indicates that said agent modulates IgE production.

18. A method according to claim 16 wherein said cell comprises a IgE fusion protein

A³ comprising:

a) an ϵ heavy chain; and

b) a fluorescent protein.

A⁴ 21. A method according to claim 19 wherein said retroviral vector further comprises a nucleic acid encoding a fluorescent label and wherein said nucleic acid further comprises a detection gene.

Please add the following new claims:

Rule 126 29 30. A method according to claim 18 wherein said fluorescent protein is GFP.

AS 30 31. A method according to claim 21 wherein said detection gene is a fluorescent protein gene and wherein said fluorescent protein gene is GFP.

31 32. A method according to claim 21 wherein said detection gene is a fluorescent protein gene and wherein said fluorescent protein gene is BFP.